

amendments proposed, entry of the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION is in the best interest of expeditious processing of the application.

Entry of the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION is respectfully requested. **No new matter has been introduced in the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION.**

A marked-up version of the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION is appended hereto to show the changes made to the original text.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel 2, 5, 13 and ~~19~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the remaining claims as shown on the appended APPENDIX OF CLAIMS AS-AMENDED. A Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims is also appended hereto to show the changes made to the original text of the amended claims.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to avoid the various objections raised by the Examiner with regard to the specification. In addition, the language has been amended to provide appropriate antecedent basis for the amended claims and to improve the clarity of the description in certain passages.

The abstract has been amended to remove all numerical references and to improve the clarity of the description in a manner consistent with the amended specification.

The claims have been amended to avoid the objections raised by the Examiner and to more precisely define the invented subject matter.

Applicant wishes to express appreciation for the Examiner's careful and detailed review of the specification and claims and informing applicant as to the language considered to be indefinite or informal. Applicant has made every attempt to cure the matters mentioned in the Examiner's communication, but in the event that any informalities or indefiniteness are considered to exist following the proposed amendments, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney by telephone to expedite correction of any such informalities.